

Song of the Mocking-Bird.

A small brown thing
 I sit and sing
 Thro' the golden gloom, the orange-
 And I mock, and I mock
 The birds that flock
 To the north, like clouds in a southern
 The cat-bird's cry,
 The small wren's sigh,
 The swallow and the whip-poor-will!
 The screaming jay,
 All day, all day,
 Find in my notes their echo still.
 With eyes ablaze
 And wicked glance
 I mock them all; and I'm at night
 Give back "who," "hoo,"
 To 'th' owl's "waloo,"
 When the moon floods all my haunted
 light.
 And every sound
 That haunts the ground,
 The locust's chirp, the hum—hall herald
 Of bee and ray,
 I mock, and cry:
 "Oh listen, earth, to the mocking bird—
 —*L. W. Backus, in St. Nick*"

ITEMS OF INTEREST.
 The empty gun never kills.
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Within six miles of the Boston house are twelve suburban cities; population, 100,000. How many of them know his country how warmly he loves his country, how firmly he is happy to see the American in his patch.—*Boston Herald.*

The word "country" with an adverbial will render it sweet! The word separates from the curse the former is better than shortened.

Dear Lady "What's his name, Augustine Tyler." The deaf "Bless me, what a name! —B. E. Eliot." Elisa, you must be making a mistake.

The size of an animal's vulva is proportionate to the size of his body. One little cat can make a hole big enough for a dog to sleep in a tavern's hall of the Leadvale is a universally healthy life in now. With two lock-up in the dog house, the dog house to live to the hotel with

ing shot at—that is, if he runs
race horse.

Greece has had its census. Athens has 68,677 population, a decrease of 20,000 since 1870. Corinthe has 7,858 now, instead of 6,047; Sparta, 10,636, instead of 10,636; and Thessalonica, 6,023.

A celebrated lawyer said that three most troublesome clients he had were a young lady who wanted to be married, an old man who wanted a divorce, and an old maid who didn't know what she wanted. —*Y. Gazette.*

Speaking of painting (page 3 of to-day's issue), a naturalist from a small town, knocked a picket off from the earth through the aperture thus made, carried off a premium watermelon.

A useful table for housewives:

—One pound is one quart. Meat pounds
and two ounces are one
Butter is sold by weight
while eggs are sold by
ounce is a quart. Ten eggs are a
A common tumbler holds half
A teaspoon is a gill.

The scientific American says
advice is more than can be detected
very simple test. A little pure sus-
taken in the mouth, and when dis-
is replaced by a little of the sus-
article. If the latter has been
of sugar or chocolate in a tin, a disti-
other taste will be present.

When John Payne, in his mag-
sings "The turtles come on every-
he brings a painful sack of rice
on the turtle quays, six hundred or eight

but a man who ever saw them standing about the limbs of trees standing

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five of these tubs were loaded on a hill.—*Lippincoll's Magazine.*

Rubies and Sapphires in Georgia

Miner and mineralogist and our countrymen have been exploring and mining for rubies and sapphires during the last four years. The Sequash mines, owned by W. R. McDaniel, near the town of Dalton, in the Rubbidge of Cincinnati, have yielded many precious opaque translucent rubies, nearly all of which found their way, through the kindness of the Georgia Geological Survey, into the mineral cabinets of the writer. Only a few were found nearly transparent from three to four carats in weight. These rubies, which are the product of a very recent geological period, have been found in the process of the sale of these opaque and translucent rubies heretofore only paid the expense of mining, but now they are being sold for much more than the cost of mining.

new method will be employed in
ing these precious stones out of the
ing in the soil and gravel adjacent

The Frenchman found a large, deep blue sapphire in the square, but it was not as large as the one and one-half carat stone largest ever found in America. The owner, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is seeking, by purchase, or otherwise, to exchange it for a large, deep blue sapphire of the value of precious stones, is \$51,000. Boys and girls and grown-ups come to see the sapphire. It is equal to the largest in value and weight. The diamond was exhibited by Mr. Topinka, a jeweler, who has a large collection of precious stones, a crystal from the Jardin des Plantes.

Paris, for which he gave \$150,000. Abram Hume also possesses a

crystal. The composition of a sapphire is pure alumina. Blue is the most popular color. When red it is an emerald; when green, a jadeite; when purple, a garnet; when bright tints it is called other names.—*Gainesville (Ga.)*

Washington's appearance
 "General Washington is a tall man, with a high forehead, and a rather large boned, and has a very genteel address. His features are manly and bold, his eyes are light and very lively; his hair is brown, his face rather long and narrow, with the smallpox; his complexion is sunburnt and without much color; his countenance sensible, composed, thoughtful; his nose straight, and his mouth thin, with a striking resemblance to the late Mr. Pitt."

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more naivety and simplicity, the striking features of his character.